

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

Present. Mr. James Novak, Jr. Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice, Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Destain Gingell; County Highway Engineer; Mr. Jeffrey Lutes; Mr. Tommy Carr, Jr.; Mr. Ryan Doyle

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

090920-124

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

090920-125

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 26, 2020. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

090920-126

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$1,304,850.20. Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the following Resolution for employee, Mr. Jack Jostock.

090920-127

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the following Resolution for Mr. Jack Jostock:

WHEREAS, Jack Jostock started working at the Road Commission in April of 1990 as a Laborer in the Lapeer Garage, then in May of 1991 moved to a Heavy Equipment Operator at the Imlay Garage, in 1993 became Working Foreman and on March 19 of 1996 moved to District Foreman for the Lapeer Garage, and has remained there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, Jack Jostock was a dedicated, outstanding and faithful employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Jack Jostock has used his talents as a Laborer, Operator, Working Foreman and knowledge as a District Foreman to maintain the roads in Lapeer County for the past thirty plus years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Jack Jostock's conscientiousness and strong work ethic, he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in the Lapeer District, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, Jack Jostock retired on August 31, 2020 after more than thirty years of brilliant service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Jack Jostock’s dedication and hard work will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this Ninth day of September, 2020, there to remain forever.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Duckert, aye; Mr. Novak, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye. Three ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that he has been friends with Mr. Jostock for forty plus years and he will miss him. Mr. Schons added that he worked in maintenance under Mr. Jostock for ten years and for three years as working foreman and is grateful for the knowledge he passed along to him.

Mr. Novak expressed his appreciation for what Mr. Jostock has done for the Road Commission and wished him well in his retirement.

Mr. Pearson reminded the Board of the Committee of the Whole Meeting added for September 14, 2020 to discuss the 2021 Budget. Mr. Gingell distributed maps with current PASER ratings for the Board to review prior to the meeting. Mr. Pearson stated that he is going to go forward with the projects that have Federal and State Funding.

Mr. Pearson reported the annual inventory count will take place on September 25, 2020.

Mr. Pearson explained that the road salt prices are in with pre fill at \$59.36/ton, which is \$2.47 less than last year, and back up salt is \$56.76 also down \$2.67. Mr. Pearson reported that currently the Imlay barn has 3,000 ton, Lapeer barn has 1,400 ton and the North Branch barn has 1,000 ton.

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the hours of operation will continue on the 4 ten-hour day schedule through October, with an adjustment of starting time as it continues to stay dark later in the morning.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons explained that the gravel haul did not operate this week due to the holiday, but will continue next week. Mr. Schons stated the roadside mowing has moved from I-69 to the rest of the State routes.

Mr. Schons reported that the final calculations of the LCRC brining and mowing expenses resulted in a savings of \$67,044.75 to the Townships.

Mr. Schons stated that the I-69 concrete project has started today.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell asked the Board to approve the following Resolution for employee, Tommy Carr, Jr.
090920-128

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the following Resolution for Tommy Carr, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. started at the Road Commission in April of 1987 as a Seasonal Employee in the Engineering Department, in May of 1988 he was hired as an Engineering Aid and in May of 1997 was promoted to the position of Engineering Tech II where he finished the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. is a devoted and faithful employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. has used his talents and knowledge as an Engineering Tech II to maintain and improve the roads in Lapeer County for the past thirty-three years; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. served as a certified bituminous and sampling technician for Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. served as a certified aggregate testing technician for Lapeer County Road Commission testing thousands of tons of aggregate placed on road network; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. was a certified concrete testing technician; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. was a certified nuclear gauge density testing operator; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. served as a certified MDOT office technician overseeing over seventy State and Federal Aid projects; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. served over 17 years as a certified PASER rater for Lapeer County and oversaw traffic count program and assisted with sign department for last 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. utilized above talents and skills and served as a highly detailed oriented construction inspector on projects in Lapeer County; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Tommy Carr Jr. diligence and strong work ethic, he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in the Lapeer County, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. provided a wealth of knowledge to his co-workers in capacity of a historian to history of roads in Lapeer County; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. retired on March 31, 2020 after thirty-three years of outstanding service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Tommy Carr Jr. dedication and hard work will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this ninth day of September, 2020, there to remain forever.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Duckert, aye; Mr. Novak, aye; Mr. Nichols, aye. Three ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Novak expressed to Mr. Carr that his service has been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Gingell stated that Mr. Carr retired in March, and with the pandemic, the Road Commission had moved to remote meetings, so this presentation was delayed. Mr. Gingell explained that Mr. Carr has been greatly missed as he took with him a wealth of knowledge and history.

090920-129

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the RFPs for the following bridges and bridge preventive maintenance and award in the best interest of the Road Commission:

Saginaw Road Bridge over South Branch of Flint River #5389
Davison Road from West County Line to Lake Nepessing Road Roundabout

Burnside Road Bridge over the Cedar Creek #5378
Silverwood Road Bridge over the North Branch of the Flint River #5382

Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell gave an update on the final phases of the construction projects and spoke briefly about the Bottom Creek Drain and Stroup Drain projects.

Public Comment

Mr. Ryan Doyle, explained that he had to come to the meeting today comment that the Road Commission wouldn't be what it is today without Mr. Jostock and Mr. Carr, and that it was great working with both of them.

090920-130

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to go into closed session for the purpose of negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Duckert, aye; Novak, aye; Nichols, aye. 3 ayes. Motion carried unanimously at 5:05 p.m.

090920-131

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to go out of closed session at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried.

090920-132

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the minutes of the closed session. Motion carried.

090920-133

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Agreement between the Lapeer County Road Commission and the Lapeer County Road Commission Employees, Chapter of Local No. #1071, Affiliated with Council #25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. Motion carried.

Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary